

### REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a substitute FIG. 8 is enclosed. FIG. 8 was inadvertently reproduced where the "dots or circles" were filled in black. The substitute sheet FIG. 8 provides cross-hatching to distinguish the dots. Support for the substitute FIG. 8 is included at page 19, lines 9-17 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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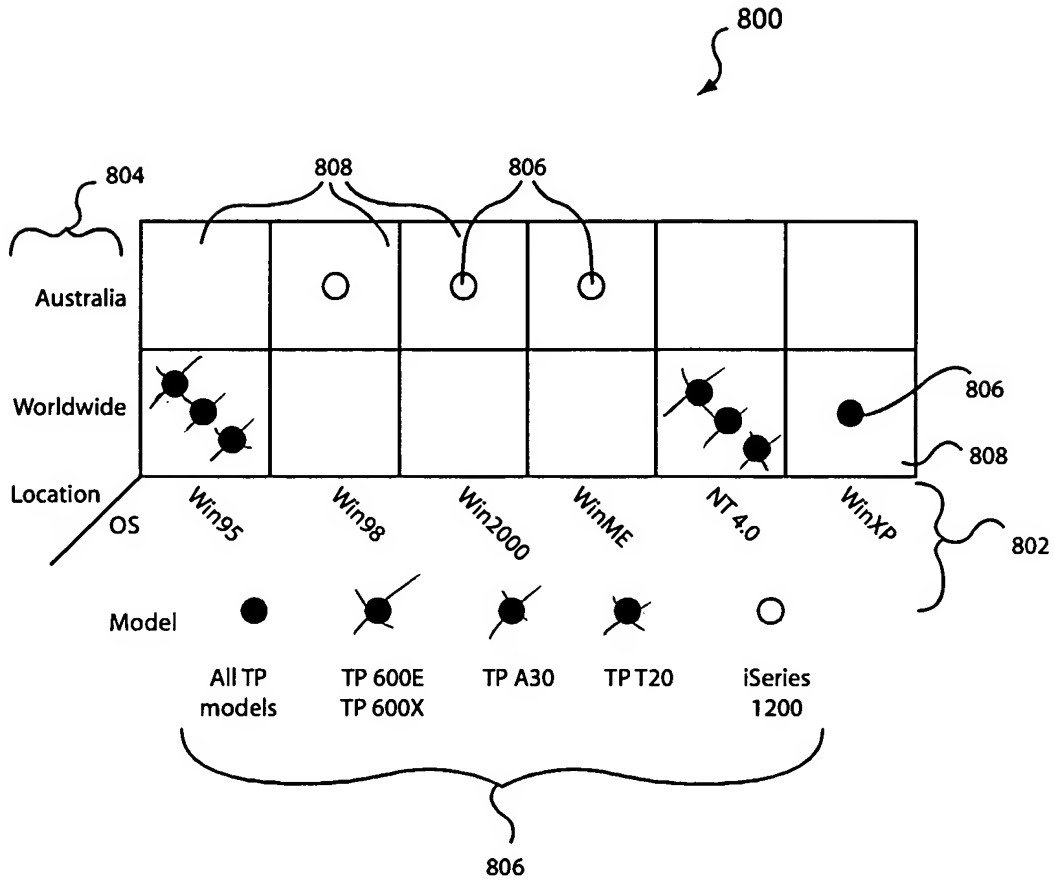


FIG. 8